The Midwife Center for Birth and Women’s Health

The Midwife Center is a private, non-profit practice in the Strip District neighborhood of Pittsburgh. We are southwestern Pennsylvania’s only stand-alone birth center. In 2014, our providers attended nearly 400 births and saw 1500 clients for primary gynecological care and breastfeeding consultation visits. Out of all the clients we served, 14% were using public assistance for their medical care. We focus on quality, personalized healthcare for our clients, both pregnant and non-pregnant, within the midwifery model.

At the start of the internship and academic year, the intern will work with staff at TMC to produce a personal vision of how to build upon the center’s current foundation of extra resources and support that we can offer our clients, focusing on a specific demographic and/or phenomenon. To carry out this vision, the intern will work directly with staff to determine client need, analyze data collected at the center and through ad-hoc surveys to determine client need, attend walk-in sessions to assist clients who express needs outside of TMC’s scope, follow-up with client via telephone regarding barriers to quality healthcare, and maintaining and adding to a referral list of resources related and unrelated to care at TMC.

The Health Access internship is designed to increase and maintain TMC outreach efforts for clients facing certain economic, social, and/or medical barriers. The intern will leave the program with a broader knowledge of opportunities and options for people facing healthcare barriers, as well as basic administrative skills for a healthcare facility setting. TMC aims to add to the limited workforce of passionate individuals that want to work in the non-clinical side of healthcare.

We are looking for a student studying in a related field, including social work, with excellent people skills, attention to detail, and experience with office equipment. Previous work with a non-profit organization or healthcare facility, previous experience with Medical Assistance processes or other benefits through the state, and/or second language proficiency are factors that would be especially beneficial, although not required. Furthermore, this is only TMC’s second year as a field instruction site, so we are looking for a self-starter student for the 2015-2016 year who can help us build and develop this internship program from the ground up.